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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Steven M. Blumenau  
Serial No.: 10/623,103  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING TO A DATA  
STORAGE SYSTEM  
Filing Date: July 18, 2003  
Examiner: Tuan V. Thai  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2006 in connection with the above-identified Application.

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The Office Action imposed a restriction by requiring that Applicants elect one of Group I (Claim 1), and Group II (Claims 2-58).

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group II, i.e., Claims 2-58.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue claims of at least the scope of the non-elected claims (i.e., claim 1) in one or more related Applications.

An early and favorable communication is hereby earnestly requested. If the Examiner believes, after this Response, that the Application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants Representative collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this submission, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

Respectfully submitted,



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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Enclosed is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement, Total Pages: 2;
- ☒ Return Receipt Pre-paid Postcard (in duplicate), Total Postcards: 2;
- ☒ Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3735, if necessary;
- ☒ Check in the amount of: \$0.00, with fee amounts calculated as follows:


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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	58	- 58	= 0	X \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	13	- 13	= 0	X \$200.00	= \$0.00
*** Month Extension of Time					= \$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES</b>					<b>= \$0.00</b>

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